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(Case No. 02-1031-A)

In re Application of:

Engel, et al

Serial No.: 10/673,054

Filed: September 26, 2003

For: Cell Lysis Composition, Methods of Use  
Apparatus, and Kit

Examiner: Vanessa L. Ford

Group Art Unit: 1645

Confirmation No.: 1228

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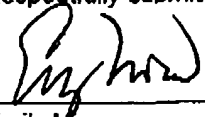
In regard to the above identified application,

1. We are transmitting herewith the attached:
  - a) Response to Office Action Dated July 28, 2006.
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  - a) No fee is due.
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JULY 28, 2006**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 28, 2006, please consider the following amendments and discussion below. It is believed that no further fee is due in connection with this filing; however, if a fee is due the Commissioner is authorized to charge our deposit account 13-2490.

An Amendment to the Claims section can be found on page 2.

A Remarks section can be found on page 8.